

**Minutes of the
Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission Meeting
January 27, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission was held in conjunction with the AWWCA on January 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM, in the Lakeview Ballroom of The Clarion Resort on Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs, AR.

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Gilbert, Vice Chairman McDermott, Commissioners Pender, Washington, Jones, and Jon Sweeney, Deputy Director for Randy Young, Executive Director.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission staff in attendance included: Deanna Dorrough, Associate General Counsel; Cynthia Bearden, ANRC Agency Controller; Todd Fugitt, ANRC Geology Supervisor; Perry Dotson, Water Well Inspector; Jacob Harvey, Engineer Technician; and Jackie Broach, Ground-Water Administrative Analyst.

Chairman Gilbert called the regular meeting of the Arkansas Water Well Commission to order.

Recognition of Guests: Chairman Gilbert recognized and welcomed members and guests of the Arkansas Water Well Contractor's Association (AWWCA) to the AWWCC Commission Meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Gilbert presented the December 9, 2011 Minutes. Motion was made by Vice Chairman McDermott to approve the Minutes as presented and Commissioner Washington seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Deputy Director Jon Sweeney welcomed our newest commissioner, Lance Jones, who is the Chief Engineer with the Arkansas Health Department Drinking Water Program. He has been with the Health Department for 19 years and is a registered Professional Engineer.

Todd Fugitt introduced the Ground-Water Report for 2011, which included information on water level trends, sustainable yields and state water levels. Mr. Fugitt encouraged those interested to download a copy of the report from the ANRC website.

Financial Report:

Cynthia Bearden, ANRC Agency Controller, reported the Total Revenue as of December 31, 2012 was \$178,868.54 and noted that the total revenue was \$73,000.00 more than last year this time. Total Expenses were \$59,902.10, leaving total balance in fund of \$287,410.55.

Financial Report was approved.

Legal:

Associate General Counsel, Deanna Dorrough introduced the consideration of Stipend and Expense Reimbursement for services rendered by the AWWCC Commissioners and asked if the Commissioners wanted reimbursement consideration for the 2012 year.

Chairman Gilbert made a motion that the Commission decline both, seconded by Vice-Chairman McDermott. Motion carried.

Associate General Counsel Dorrough reported to the Commission that White Softwater had paid all fines levied against it by the Commission at the December 9, 2011 Commission Meeting, that they were paid by the time set by the Commission for payment, and that White Softwater is now in good standing with the Commission.

Consideration of Applicants:

Todd Fugitt presented the following applicants for Commission approval:

STATUS OF THOSE ALREADY APPROVED

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
William R. Fields Testing on 2/6/12	Strata Core Drilling	Ft. Worth, AR

NEW DRILLER APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Cody B. McMullan	May Water Service	Hope, AR
Carl Linkinhoker	LTW Services	Kilgore, TX
David L. Duncan	M&W Drilling, LLC	Knoxville, TN
Jay W. Hocutt	M&W Drilling, LLC	Knoxville, TN

NEW PUMP INSTALLER APPRENTICE APPLICANT

	<u>EMPLOYER NAME</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Charles W. Cox	Monette Well & Pump, LLC	Monette, AR
Michael L. Holland	Monette Well & Pump, LLC	Monette, AR

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Keith A. Gardner	LTW Services	Kilgore, TX

Vice-Chairman McDermott made a motion to accept the applicants presented, seconded by Commissioner Washington. Motion carried.

Inspectors Report: January 26, 2012

- Entering Well Reports (73)
- Answering Phone Questions
- Investigation of Illegal Drilling and Pump Installers (1)
- Contractor Visits (1)

Final follow up for 2011 Renewals:
7 Renewed
5 Not Renewing
2 Undecided

The Inspector's Report was approved.

Other Business:

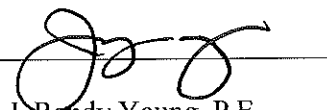
Mr. Todd Fugitt introduced Barry Jackson, IT Specialist with the USGS, who presented the latest developments with AWWCC online Construction Reporting. Mr. Jackson fielded and answered questions from those present and encouraged the use of this valuable tool.

Mr. Todd Fugitt asked the AWWCA members if anyone did not want to use the online construction reporting. There was no negative response and Mr. Fugitt encouraged the use of the online reporting.

Vice-Chairman McDermott gave a brief overview on how to handle the reporting of illegal operators. He encouraged anyone spotting an illegal operator to call any Commissioner on the Board, anonymously or otherwise, and that the Commissioner would report it to the rest of the Commission Board for Commission action.

Chairman Gilbert expressed appreciation to all the Contractors who pay for licensure and registration and reiterated the Commissions' intent that everyone who wants to do business in the State of Arkansas to do so legitimately.

Meeting adjourned.


J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Secretary

4-18-12
Date